

LAYING THE CORNER STONE.

The corner stone of the new Presbyterian church on Jasper avenue and Third street was laid with appropriate ceremony on Monday afternoon by Rev. Dr. Robertson, superintendent of missions, in the presence of a large crowd of members, adherents and friends. The walls of the building have reached the level of the floor and the stone is placed on the northeast corner at the top of the basement wall. Rev. D. G. McQueen, pastor of the church, presided. The proceedings were opened shortly after four o'clock by the singing of the 122nd psalm, and reading by Rev. Mr. McQueen from First Chronicles, 22nd chapter, 10th to 18th verses, and the First Epistle of Peter, 2nd chapter, and 1st to 7th verses. Rev. Mr. McQueen then read a telegram from Rev. Dr. Herdman, of Calgary, and a letter from Rev. Prof. Baird, of Winnipeg, expressing regret at inability to be present. He also read a list of the articles deposited in the stone, which appeared in last issue. Rev. Dr. Robertson then proceeded to use the trowel and hammer in the final adjustment of the stone to its place; and followed this by an appropriate prayer in which he invoked the Divine blessing on the church and congregation. An address giving a short history of Edmonton was then given by E. J. H. M. P. Hymn 461 was sung, and the address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Robertson, in which he gave due credit to the work of Christian missions in general in civilizing and improving new countries, and in particular to the work done in establishing and maintaining the Presbyterian church at Edmonton by Rev. Prof. Baird, now of Manitoba College, who founded the congregation and by Rev. Mr. McQueen under whose pastorate it had outgrown the first church building and rendered necessary the new structure. Hymn 615 followed the address and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Robertson.

The next feature of the occasion was tea served by the ladies of the congregation in the manse grounds adjoining the church from 4 to 5 p. m. The tables were well supplied with delicious and beautifully decorated. During tea a number of piano solos were given by Mr. Jones, organist, and choirmaster.

The entertainment in the church opened at 8 o'clock, Rev. D. G. McQueen presided as chairman. The programme was as follows:

Piano solo, Mr. Jones.
Quartet, "The Home Land," Mrs. Astley, Miss Richardson, Messrs. McIntyre and Reid.

Address, Pastor McDonald, of the Baptist church, Strathcona.

Solo, "A Dream of Paradise," Mr. McIntyre.

Organ solo, Mr. Baird.

Address, Pastor Hager, of the Edmonton German-Baptist church.

Solo, "Oh Loving Words," Mr. Heathcote.

Duet, "Abide With Me," Mrs. Astley and Mr. Heathcote.

Address, Rev. Mr. Haught, Methodist missionary at Lacombe.

Organ solo, Mr. Baird.

Reading letter from Rev. Prof. Baird, by the chairman.

Quartet, "God is a Spirit," Mrs. Astley, Miss Richardson, and Messrs. Heathcote and Reid.

"God Save the King" was sung and the proceedings closed with the benediction by Rev. Dr. Robertson.

Following are the telegrams and letters from Dr. Hurdman, of Calgary, and Rev. Prof. Baird, on the occasion of the laying of the corner stone of the Presbyterian church as mentioned above:

Calgary, Aug. 9, 1901.
Rev. D. G. McQueen, Edmonton.

Appointment Banff prevents going day. Accept wishes for memorable day.

J. C. HURDMAN.
Manitoba College.

Winnipeg, Aug. 13, 1901.
My Dear Mr. McQueen.

I feel very highly honored by the invitation contained in your letter of the 9th inst., that I should take part in laying the corner stone of the new church, and it is a very real disappointment to me that I am not able to accept. (Prof. Baird then mentions that he is suffering seriously from ill-health, and that his duties as college make it very difficult for him to leave. He continues) So upon the whole I am obliged very reluctantly to say "No." But you will accept my good wishes in the new church undertaking. I am confident that whoever does it, the corner stone will be well and truly laid and that the work will be carried through to a successful issue. When we began the building of the old church we had only some ten communicants, and a little congregation whose families were only beginning to be acquainted with their minister and with each other. You begin under much brighter auspices, and a record of creditable achievement behind you. May God bless you all, both the "Old Timers" and the "new."

Ang. 7th, '01.
My Dear Mr. McQueen.

Years of the 31st ult., asking me for biographical details, etc., for deposits in the corner stone, renewed my regret in reminding me how much I am missing by not being able to go to Edmonton for a share in this extremely interesting function.

I can scarcely believe that the history of my life will be of much interest to the ages that are to come, but I have no hesitation in giving you a few of the more outstanding facts. I was born at Motherwell in Western Ontario where my father was (and is) a farmer, and it is the first of October, 1853. After an early training in the public school of the neighborhood I went in succession to the high school in St. Mary's and to the Upper Canada College in Toronto. In 1874 I participated in the university of Toronto and in 1877 I received the degree of B. A. This was followed by three years study of theology in Knox college and by a

year of post-graduate work in Scotland and Germany.

Before going abroad I made up my mind to settle in the west and while studying in Leipzig I got news from Canada that the house in which I had placed of the location of which I had not the remotest idea, I made haste back to Canada, was ordered at my old home in Motherwell on the 16th day of August, 1881, and came westward to Winnipeg where, with the assistance of friends, I bought a horse and buckboard, a frying pan and copper kettle, a piece of bacon and a supply of hard tack or strip biscuit, together with the other essentials of prairie travel. I had never seen a prairie before and the time of year was too late for me to fall in with travelling companions so that with the exception of chance company for a day or two at a time I travelled most of the way alone. During one long stretch between Hatfield and Fort Saskatchewan I was for four days without setting eyes on the face of mortal. The journey from Winnipeg to Edmonton occupied seven weeks, in which thirty-one days were spent in actual travel. The date of my arrival was, if I remember aright, the 31st of August. At that time there was no resident clergyman. Protestant or Roman Catholic, in Edmonton but the Rev. Dr. Newton, who lived at the Hotel-Edmonton and used to hold services each Sunday at the English church near Mr. Groat's house. A Presbyterian congregation was organized at once and services were held in the hall above a storehouse on the south side of Jasper avenue almost opposite the north end of what is now Nainville avenue. The place of worship, which was called McDougall's hall, was used for about a year and by that time we had erected the building which is now called McDougall's hall, which was known as "the old church." The first sermon was preached on Nov. 6th 1881. The first baptism I performed was that of Alfred Hatching, eldest son. The first marriage service was that of Harry Goodridge. The first communion was held on the 14th of May 1882. There were ten communicants two of whom came to the communion table for the first time. The first preacher was Hugh McKay, of Rat Creek. Of those who took an active part in the organization of the congregation some have, within the past twenty years gone over to "the great majority." A few have remained, like myself, in other places but the large number yet remain and having put their hands to the plough still look forward and not backward, and count upon seeing a future of great things of which even the present gives but faint foregleams. With the best of good wishes I am yours, ANDREW B. BAIRD.

The Rev. D. G. McQueen, Edmonton.

HORSE HILLS.

The Massey-Harris Co., erected a 72 foot geared aeromotor on the Jefferson Lewis estate last Monday. The aeromotor will run a chopping mill, wood saw, and pump water. The wind mill on the farm is a thing of beauty as well as usefulness. When the wind blows away some grain and when it will stop nobody knows. Nothing looks so picturesque as an aeromotor towering up in the sky performing its work by the mill zephyrs which blow gently by, needing no attention only a little oil now and then. The lowering herds now gather round the watering troughs and regale themselves with the pure, cool, refreshing water which unlike some other liquids, has never been known to change the proboscis into a danger signal.

The horses, cattle, sheep and swine are lively now they get their fill of oats and wheat crushed fine.

By the aeromotor chopping mill.

George West has sold out his property in British Columbia and is moving out on to his farm. He is building a fine mansion on the sunny slope of the far famed Saskatchewan where he intends to spend the remainder of his days in his quiet rural home.

John Kennedy has finished putting in culverts and grading the trail from Rat Creek, as far as the Horse Hills head, and is now just the right man to perform this kind of work and was a wise selection. Heavy loads now can be transferred without teamsters using all kinds of western profanity to make their teams pull their loads out of the mud holes which were simply a disgrace to a civilized community. Sable's and sinners swore and new coveit oaths rent the air in profusion. Horses, mules, and oxen pulled as they never pulled before simply "errr" at the language used on the occasions.

Harvesting will be in full swing in a few days, and the click of the self binding will be heard from early morn till dewy eve, reaping one of the heaviest crops ever grown in Alberta or probably in any other part of the north. Some of the Manitoba pencil shavers who declare Edmonton seed grain was no good, would do well to take a trip west and see the waving fields of golden grain which now cover the great plains, all sowed with Edmonton seed too.

Mr. Lank who came here last spring from Kamsar, Punjab a quantity of imported Russian fall wheat which was tested and gave good satisfaction. He has sown about 25 acres. The wheat is up now and looking well. We hope Mr. Lank will have good success with his new venture.

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Mr. A. Brown has been engaged to the end of the current year to teach the Horse drill school.

August, 15th, 1901.

His Secret is Out.

All Saddle River, Ky., was curious to learn the cause of the improvement in the health of Mrs. S. P. Whitaker, who had for a long time, endured an old suffering from a chronic bronchial trouble. "It's all due to Dr. King's New Discovery" writes her husband. "It completely cured her and also cured our little grand-daughter of a severe attack of Whooping Cough. I positively cures Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis, all Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles at all drug stores. Trial bottles at McDougall's drug store."

JUDGE ROULEAU'S ILLNESS.

Calgary Herald, Aug. 12. Again and news from the bed side of Judge Rouleau in Montreal. Yesterday a message was received in town stating that he was not expected to live. Ever since he went east his illness has been increasing and now his state is critical in the extreme. Not only are his relatives in the city waiting anxiously for news of him, but the majority of the people of Calgary share their anxiety. It is ardently to be hoped that his illness may before long take a turn for the better.

WESTERN ASSINIBOIA PROTEST.

Calgary Herald: The protest against the return of Walter Scott as member of parliament for West Assiniboia was before Judge Richardson Friday morning, who ruled that the status of the petitioner had not been established. But his lordship made an order allowing the petitioner on 23rd of August to present proof of his status. The cost of and incidental to the indulgence to be paid by petitioner.

BATTLEFORD.

Herald, Aug. 7th.

The past week, warm and breezy, wrought a great change in the appearance of the country through the drying of the mud. Many that were thought to be too wet to be of any value this year are drying up so that the hay will be available for cutting. All fear about a shortage of water fodder is now at an end.

The Doukhobors at Henrietta had barley in stock on the 28th July, and from the appearance of the fields must have begun cutting wheat by this time. They were using a self-binder. They also had large stacks of hay already put up.

Robert and Edna Gordon, of the firm of Gordon Bros., came to town on Saturday and will select all the cattle they can find fit for shipment. Robert goes to the river the day while Elliott will visit the ranches on the north side of the Saskatchewan, via river.

B. Price is on his way to Saskatoon with a bunch of 225 head of fat cattle for shipment. They are in good condition and altogether a fine lot.

The Local Improvement Ordinance.

Notice is hereby given that, under the provisions of Section 31 of The Local Improvement Ordinance, the Honorable Mr. Justice Scott has appointed Wednesday, the 23rd day of October, 1901, at 10 o'clock a.m. at the North-West Mounted Police Barracks in Fort Saskatchewan for the holding of a Court for confirmation of the rate made under Section 31 of Chapter 73 of the Consolidated Ordinances 1898 in respect of the following Local Improvement Districts, viz: Local Improvement Districts Nos. 2, 17, 23, 31, 40, 53, 407 and 449. Dated at Regina this 18th day of July, 1901.

J. S. DENNIS,
Deputy Commissioner of Public Works.

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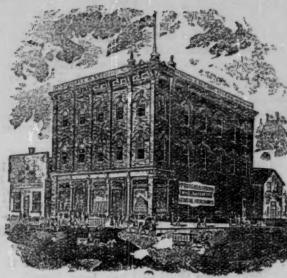
Mail Contract.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until Noon, on Friday, 30th August, next, for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, two weeks between Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan via Strathcona, Clover Bar and Agriculture from the 1st October next.

Printed notices containing full information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of the country, Strathcona, Clover Bar, Agriculture and Fort Saskatchewan, and at this office.

W. W. McLEOD,
Post Office Inspector.
Post Office Inspector's Office.
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